
Minutes Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission February 16, 2010

Minutes of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission held on February 16, 2010 7:00 p.m., at the Tempe, Public Library Board Room, 3500 S. Rural Road 2nd Floor, Tempe, Arizona.

MEMBERS Present: J'nnen Allsup, Maria Eller, Nicholas Gaitan, Rafael Gutierrez, Jevin Hodge, Enrico Lage, Lauren Milovich, Ben Moffat, David Reynolds, Kristen Rund, Marcos Souffle, and An Tran.

MEMBERS Absent: Francesca DiCesare, Jeff Darge, Dirk Fenstermacher, Amber Houser Preston Long, Anjali Nair, Katrina Rodrigues, and Kaylee Wong.

City Staff Present: Kim Bauman

Guests Present: None

Agenda Item 1- Call Meeting to Order

Jevin Hodge, MYAC Chair called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Agenda Item 2– Minutes from February 2, 2010 Meeting

David Reynolds read the minutes from the February 2, 2010 meeting.

Ben Moffat moved to approve the minutes.

Enrico Lage seconded the motion.

COMMISSION CONSENSUS: The minutes were approved.

Agenda Item 3 – Treasurer's Report

Ben Moffat provided the Treasurer's Report.

Agenda Item 4- Announcements

Jevin Hodge announced the following:

- 1) Dates, times and locations of community budget forums
- 2) The City transit staff would like to make a brief presentation on the proposed changes to the Orbit and bus routes and schedules and the METRO light rail system. MYAC members were interested in the presentation. Kim will contact the transit staff to schedule the presentation in April.

Agenda Item 5 – Youth Town Hall Review

- 1) **Enrico Lage** and **Jevin Hodge** had MYAC members review Youth Town Hall evaluations and provide feedback regarding the event. Members were in consensus that the event was very well received by participants and ran very smoothly.

Agenda Item 6- “Reading Rocks” Project

Kim Bauman and **Jevin Hodge** led discussion regarding the “Reading Rocks” project and the NEA Youth Leaders for Literacy grant.

- 1) Official written notification of the grant award was not received until February 10th despite a number of attempts by Peggy Goldberg to contact the funding source after Jevin received a phone call from them. The January timeline in the grant to begin planning and implementing proposed components has passed. In addition, MYAC was involved in planning Youth Town Hall in January.
- 2) MYAC does not likely have time to plan a kick-off event on March 2nd, which is Read Across America Day, as proposed in the grant application. Also, there is likely not enough time to plan and implement all the proposed activities within the remaining grant time frame.
- 3) MYAC may need to contact the funding source regarding the above issues. The grant award is for \$500 and there is a possibility MYAC may not be able to accept the grant funding given the late award notification and the extremely tight turnaround to provide the project.
- 4) Discussion revolved around how the project would be coordinated, who would actually be able to provide activities directly after-school due to work, sports and other conflicts, and what kinds of activities would take place. There was consensus that a lot of planning needs to occur before the project could be implemented. MYAC does not have another meeting until March 2nd and that is the only meeting in March due to spring break. There are six members who could possibly meet prior to the next MYAC meeting and plan for a kick-off event on March 2nd.
- 5) Members were in consensus that a small project should occur this year in April and it should be well planned.
- 6) Kim Bauman will discuss with Peggy Goldberg, who submitted the grant on behalf of MYAC and is currently out of town, on whether MYAC can actually implement the proposed project as written.
- 7) At the March 2nd MYAC meeting planning will begin for a project that will occur following spring break.

Agenda Item 7- Future Agenda Items

- Reading Rocks Project
- Meeting with Mayor Hallman and Councilmembers

The Commission's next meeting will be **March 2, 2010**.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Prepared by: Nick Gaitan
Reviewed by: Kim Bauman

Jevin Hodge, Chair
Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission